

	CDM: Response form for Request for revision of approved methodologies (version 01.1)
<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	14 - 18 September 2009
<i>Title and number of Request for revision</i>	Expansion of applicability conditions to AM0031 and subsequent change of baseline, project and leakage calculations AM_REV_0160
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the request for revision on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>AM0031 “Baseline Methodology for Bus Rapid Transit Projects” is applicable to project activities that reduce emissions through the construction and operation of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for urban road based transport. The methodology is also applicable for extensions or expansions of existing BRT systems (adding new routes and lines).</p> <p>The request for revision seeks the following amendments to the methodology:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Expansion of the applicability of the methodology to allow the use of electricity in road-based vehicles, such as electric buses, in the baseline or in the project scenarios. (2) Expansion of the applicability of the methodology to allow the use of biofuels in the transport systems without limiting the blend rates. Currently, the methodology imposes a limit of 3% blend for the use of biofuels. The request is not intended to expand the applicability of the methodology to project activities that involve fuel switches and claim emissions reductions for that. The objective is to remove the current restriction on the use of biofuels to broaden the applicability of the methodology, yet ensuring conservativeness. <p>The underlying project activity is the implementation of a bus rapid transit system in Cali, Colombia. The project activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New infrastructure consisting of 44 kilometres of dedicated bus lanes, around 200 new articulated diesel buses, 750 new large feeder buses, and elevated bus stations that allow pre-board ticketing using rechargeable electronic cards to streamline the boarding process. • New integrated fare system allowing for free transfers between feeder and trunk routes, equipment and turnstiles at the entrance to each station will deduct the corresponding fare, improved bus management system moving from many small independent enterprises competing at bus-to-bus level to a consolidated structure with formal enterprises competing for concessions, and centralized coordinated fleet control providing monitoring and communications to schedule services and real-time response to contingencies. • Reduction of the existing fleet of buses through a scrappage program. Through scrapping of around 4,500 buses MIO retires around 80% of all conventional public transport vehicles operating currently in Cali. 	
Recommendation by the Meth Panel:	
(a) Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
Not applicable.	

(b) Please use the space below for providing guidance, as per Para 93 of EB25 Report, on what type of projects need to revise the PDD as a consequence of the suggested revision, if the recommendation is to revise the methodology.

Not applicable.

Answer to authors of the request for revision by the Meth Panel :

Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query

The recommendation is to approve the request for revision with corrections, as presented in the revised AM0031 contained in the annex of the Meth Panel's 40th meeting report.

The main difference between the approved revision of AM0031 and the original proposal attached to the request for revision concerns the applicability condition related to the use of fuels and electricity by the transport systems included in the project boundary. The original applicability condition was changed in order to ensure consistency between the revised AM0031 and the new consolidated methodology based on NM0258 and NM0266, recommended for approval by the methodologies panel in the same meeting.



Signature of Meth Panel Chair

Date: 18/09/2009

(Philip Gwage)



Signature of Meth Panel Vice-Chair

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